

Property/District Name: Felicity II Survey Number: HO-430

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-SHA

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Prepared by: Traceris, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Q. J. Snyder 2/10/98
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___no ___not applicable

Reviewer, NR Program 3/31/99
Date

Overall integrity of resource is marginal; blacksmith shop, however, may be particularly significant.

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Felicity II
5471 Old Columbia Road
(HO-430)

The property on which Felicity II stands was historically associated with a circa 1800 stone manor house of the same name. By 1820, the tract was improved by the establishment of a crossroads industrial community known as Oakland Mills. Felicity I, located on the outer edge of the mill town, was erected by the Ridgely family at the turn of the 19th century. The community declined by end of the 19th century, the same period during which Felicity I was unexplainably destroyed. In 1890, Felicity II was erected on the original stone foundation. The property also contains remnants of a circa 1800 springhouse and two relocated 1820 industrial buildings with hand-hewn logs that originally associated with Oakland Mills.

The present 1-1/2-story wood frame dwelling at 5471 Old Columbia Road features an asymmetrical facade divided into four bays. The house stands on an uncoursed stone foundation, the only remnant of Felicity I, and is clad in wood German siding with cornerboards. The side gable roof is covered with replacement asphalt shingles and a single front gable dormer pierces the northwest roof plane. Two interior end chimneys define the southwest and northeast elevations. A third chimney, constructed of stone with a brick stack, ornaments the exterior of the building at the rear.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-430

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Felicity II

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 5471 Old Columbia Road not for publication _____

city or town Columbia vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD

county Howard County code 027 zip code 21045

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>Blacksmith Shop</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>Solid: Uncoursed Stone</u>
roof	<u>Side gable: Asphalt Shingles</u>
walls	<u>Wood Frame: German Siding</u>
other	_____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☒ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☒ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Industry

Period of Significance ca. 1800-1947

Significant Dates ca. 1800

ca. 1890

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

1798 Federal Direct Tax for Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Located on microfilm at Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County, Ellicott City, Maryland

Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, "HO-154: Kelly's Stone House." Prepared by Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist, Comprehensive Planning Section, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, "HO-155: Gales-Gaither House." Prepared by Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist, Comprehensive Planning Section, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, "HO-430: Felicity." Prepared by Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist, Comprehensive Planning Section, Ellicott City, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 2 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 5471 Old Columbia Road is designated as Parcel 199, Grid 21 as indicated on Map 30.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 5471 Old Columbia Road has historically been associated with Parcel 199 since it's construction circa 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kathryn A. Gettings, Architectural Historian
organization Traceries date November 7, 1997
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 23185

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12. Property Owner

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name Robert F. and Anna Mary Collins
street & number 5471 Old Columbia Road telephone _____
city or town Columbia state MD zip code 21045

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The dwelling at 5471 Old Columbia Road, commonly known as Felicity II, was constructed on the circa 1800 foundation of the stone manor house that was also known by the name Felicity. The present 1-1/2-story wood frame dwelling features an asymmetrical facade divided into four bays. The house stands on an uncoursed stone foundation, the only remnant of Felicity I, and is clad in wood German siding with cornerboards. The side gable roof is covered with replacement asphalt shingles and a single front gable dormer pierces the northwest roof plane. Two interior end chimneys define the southwest and northeast elevations. A third chimney, constructed of stone with a brick stack, ornaments the exterior of the building at the rear.

The building has been substantially enlarged by the construction of bays to the southwest and northeast elevations. These additions, marked by the in-boards, have elongated the rectangular footprint of the building. A second alteration of note is the single front gable dormer on the facade. The dormer is proportionally out-of-scale and asymmetrically placed. At the rear, one-story porches have been constructed, obscuring the elevation.

The dwelling at 5471 Old Columbia Road occupies a 2-acre lot which slopes gradually downward to the south and west. Located on the southeast side of Old Columbia Road at its terminus, the dwelling is set into the hill with its southwest elevation displaying an extra raised basement story not evident on the northeast. Wooded areas define the edges of the property and a small spring creek flows east-west through the property. Mature trees dot the site and large bushes obscure the facade of the house.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The facade, or northwest elevation, displays the elevation of the late 19th century building. Including the northeast bay addition, the main block is four bays wide with a central entry opening. The opening, located at the mid-point of the original block, contains a single-leaf paneled wood door. It is flanked by standard 6/6 sash windows with thick molded casings and louvered shutters. The foundation of the facade is constructed of uncoursed stone, believed to have originally been used in the erection of Felicity I. It is pierced by one two-light casement window. The contemporary dormer has a single 6/6 sash window.

The shed-roof addition on the northwest elevation is clearly visible and thus, a readable part of the facade. At the foundation

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level, which is fully exposed as a basement, the addition contains a 6/6 sash window. An identical opening, asymmetrically placed on the first story, has a 6/6 window.

The southwest elevation of the main block of the building is dominated by the shed-roof addition, yet, two single six-light casement windows flank the interior chimney stack. The southwest wall of the addition has two 6/6 windows in the foundation symmetrically placed under the two 6/6 windows of the first story. A single-leaf panel-and-light wood door provides access to the interior of the building as the basement level. This entrance is sheltered by a shed roof porch of wood frame construction.

The rear of the building faces southeast and consists of a conglomeration of additions, including the one-story shed roof screened porch, the two-story frame shed addition, and the rear of the southwest addition. The southeast elevation of the original main block has one 6/6 window and two single-leaf wood panel-and-light doors. These openings are sheltered by the full-width one-story screened porch, covered by a shed roof. The 2-story addition at the southern end of the elevation, holds one single-leaf panel-and-light wood door and one 6/6 sash window. The first story is sheltered by a shed roof porch, supported by square posts. The second story contains a single 6/6 sash window placed at the center of the addition. The shed-roof addition on the southwest elevation actually has a quarter hipped roof at the rear. The southeast elevation of this addition is pierced by one 6/6 sash window at its second story and is dominated by a wide stone chimney with a brick stack.

The northeast elevation is actually a single bay addition set on a stone foundation. The first and second stories have two 6/6 sash windows symmetrically aligned. The interior end brick chimney breaks the roofline just northwest of the ridgeline.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Three historic outbuildings are associated with this dwelling, two of which appear to pre-date the 1890s constructed main dwelling. A one-story, wood frame smokehouse with a front gable roof and wood German siding cladding stands just south of the main house. This smokehouse dates from the first quarter of the twentieth century.

The second outbuilding which dates to the period of the first dwelling on the property ca. 1800, is the remains of a stone

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springhouse that is now in a ruinous condition. All that remains of the springhouse is the north wall and a portion of the east wall. A single window opening pierces the north gable end wall. The springhouse is set within a low ravine.

Now referred to as the blacksmith's shop, the wood frame building to the west is perhaps the most significant building on the property, having been erected prior to circa 1820. The building consists of two sections, historically freestanding as the wheelwright's shop and the blacksmith's shop. Both structures are one-and-a-half-stories in height with side gable roofs, although the pitch of the wheelwright shop is significantly steeper. The entire building is constructed of wood frame with hand hewn framing attached with lapped and pegged joinery. The building has a dirt floors, being set directly on the ground with a low stone foundation. The building is divided in two single pens on the interior. The exterior walls are clad in board and batten, and the roofs are sheathed in sheet metal. The front or northwest elevation of the shop contains a number of large, double-leaf doors constructed of tongue-and-groove beaded wood panels. The doors are attached by hand-wrought iron strap-hinges. A one-story, shed roof porch extends across the entire width of the facade incorporating both sections.

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The property on which Felicity II stands was historically association with a circa 1800 stone manor house of the same name. By 1820, the tract was improved by the establishment of a crossroads industrial community known as Oakland Mills. Felicity I, located on the outer edge of the mill town, was erected by the Ridgely family at the turn of the 19th century. The community declined by end of the 19th century, the same period during which Felicity I was unexplainably destroyed. In 1890, Felicity II was erected on the original stone foundation. The property also contains remnants of a circa 1800 springhouse and two relocated 1820 industrial buildings originally associated with Oakland Mills.

The property on which Oakland Mills was founded can be traced back to the original 702-acre land grant known as "Steven's Forest" patented by Charles Stevens in 1709. Based on the Federal Direct Tax of 1798, the property at 5509 Old Columbia Road comprised only a very small portion of the 1,500 acres that historically was known as Felicity Farm. The tax assessment show the division of the farm between Deborah Sterett (1109 acres) and William P. Matthews (400 acres), both of which reside in log dwellings.

At the turn of the 19th century, Charles Sterett Ridgely had gained possession of the 1109 acres from his mother Deborah Sterett. Ridgely had conveyed a portion of the property sometime prior to May 28, 1819 to his brother James Sterett. According to a 1821 deed reference, Sterett never received the conveyance from Ridgely, described as "a moiety of the lands or grounds...which were improved by the erection of certain mills called and known by the name of the Oakland Mills and other valuable buildings upon the same lands or grounds." Clarification of the ownership was made in September 1821.

Requiring funding to establish the mill, Sterett mortgaged all of his property in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties in 1819. Sterett conveyed all of his lands, consisting of 414 acres, to the bank, which agreed to return just a third of the property known as "Elkridge Farm" in exchange. Sterett evidently did not make the agreed payments for the land, and therefore in 1823, the bank repossessed all of Sterett's property, including his rights to the five-story stone mill along a branch of the Little Patuxent River.

By July 1825, Charles Sterett Ridgely had obtained full right to the property from the other heirs of Deborah Sterett, thus allowing him to convey it to Robert Oliver. The sale included two parts of a tract called "Felicity...comprehending the lands improved and at

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present occupied by Charles Sterett Ridgely..., "consisting of 568 acres. In December of that same year, the City Bank of Baltimore also conveyed their interest in the mill property to Robert Oliver for \$9,278.

The operating mill and its associated resources remained in the Oliver family until 1838, when portions of the property were subdivided and sold independently. The small industrial community of Oakland Mills was predominate established by this time as the first shops and dwellings had been collectively erected and maintained under the sole ownership of the Steretts and then the Olivers for almost twenty years.

In 1844, William Whipps purchased Felicity for an astounding \$1,860. The 14.5 acres and manor house remained in the Whipps family until the 1954. Based on deed research and physical evidence, Felicity I was destroyed during the ownership of Samuel F. Whipps, the postmaster for Oakland Mills. Whipps reconstructed the building on portions of the original foundation. The architecture style, exact form, and materials of Felicity I have not been determined, yet, Felicity II does reflect a diluted Federal form, popular at the time the first manor house was erected.

The blacksmith's shop which stands next to the house at 5471 Old Columbia Road pre-dates the residence. Deed research indicates that a blacksmith's shop and a wheelwright's shop stood on the east side of the Columbia Turnpike as early as 1821, however, maps indicate that the shops were located farther south than the present site. It is likely that the buildings were moved in the 1880s by owner William F. Whipps, a blacksmith.

In 1961, the property was purchased by present owners Robert F. and Anna Mary Collins.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Rural Agrarian Intensification (1680-1815)
Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community
Planning
Economic

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
INDUSTRY/Blacksmith Shop

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

1798: Federal Direct Tax
Owners of portions of "Felicity" listed as:
1. Deborah Sterett: Part of "Felicity Farm"
adjoining William P. Matthews, 1107 acres
With 1-story log dwelling house, 18 by 24 feet
2. Deborah Sterett: Part of "Felicity Farm," 2
acres
With 1-story, 1/3 brick, 1/3 log, 1/3 stone
dwelling, 18 by 66 feet
3. William P. Matthews: Part of "Felicity
Farm" adjoining Deborah Sterett, 400 acres
With 1 log dwelling house

Prior to
May 28, 1819: Charles Sterett Ridgely to James Sterett
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 8 Folio 398

February 29, 1820: James Sterett to Directors and Company of City
Bank of Baltimore, mortgage
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 7 Folio 193

September 15, 1821: Charles Sterett Ridgely to President,
Directors and Company of City Bank of
Baltimore
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 8 Folio 398

February 27, 1822: Charles Sterett Ridgely to President, Director
and Company of City Bank of Baltimore
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 8 Folio 404

September 23, 1823: Chancery Record
Records dispute between City Bank of Baltimore
and James Sterett
Records of the Maryland Chancery Court
Liber 122 Folio 511

July 5, 1825: Charles Sterett Ridgely to Robert Oliver
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 11 Folio 295

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December 21, 1825: President, Directors, and Company of the City
Bank of Baltimore to Robert Oliver
\$9,278
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber WSG 11 Folio 483

April 17, 1844: Thomas and Mary C. Oliver to William Whipps
\$1860
East side of Columbia Road, part of "Felicity"
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 5 Folio 100

December 22, 1868: Michael Bannon, Trustee to Oscar D. Thompson
14.5 acres, part of "Felicity"
Result of court case: Samuel F. Whipps, et al.
versus Martin Fisher, Bannon appointed trustee
to sell property
Sold at public sale December 6, 1866 for \$6000
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 28 Folio 533

December 30, 1870: Oscar D. Thompson to Susan E. Thompson
14 acres, part of "Felicity"
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 30 Folio 494

January 25, 1879: Christian F. Rappanier, Trustee to Samuel F.
Whipps
Court case: Rappanier versus Oscar D. Thompson
\$2560
14.5 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 40 Folio 423

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- November 11, 1893: Samuel F. and Jane Whipps to William F. Whipps
(William F. Whipps died intestate February 12, 1930, leaving heirs: Nora E. Whipps, widow, 4 daughters: Alyse, Carrie, Natalie, and Ruth B., and 3 sons: Edgar E., John A., William F., and a grandson, Thomas J. Lilly and granddaughter, Mary Lilly Sage/Edgar E. Whipps died intestate October 31, 1931 leaving heirs: Annie Whipps (widow), 3 sons: William Francis, Edgar Earl, and Samuel G./Nora E. Whipps (second wife of William F. Whipps) died intestate February 13, 1931, leaving as her only heir her son Marvin E. Kruhm.
14.5 acres at Oakland Mills
Land Records of Howard County
Liber JHO 60 Folio 531
- October 29, 1931: Marvin E. and Masie C. Kruhm to Edgar E. and Annie Whipps
Conveyed their interest in common property
Land Records of Howard County
Liber BM Jr. 147 Folio 217
- November 26, 1954: Annie Whipps (widow of Edgar E. Whipps), et al. to Paul and Laura L. Wildman
14.5 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber RHM 263 Folio 308
- December 7, 1961: Paul and Laura L. Wildman to Robert F. and Anna Mary Collins
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 377 Folio 268
- February 24, 1964: Paul and Laura L. Wildman to Robert F. and Anna Mary Collins
Confirmatory Deed
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 414 Folio 339

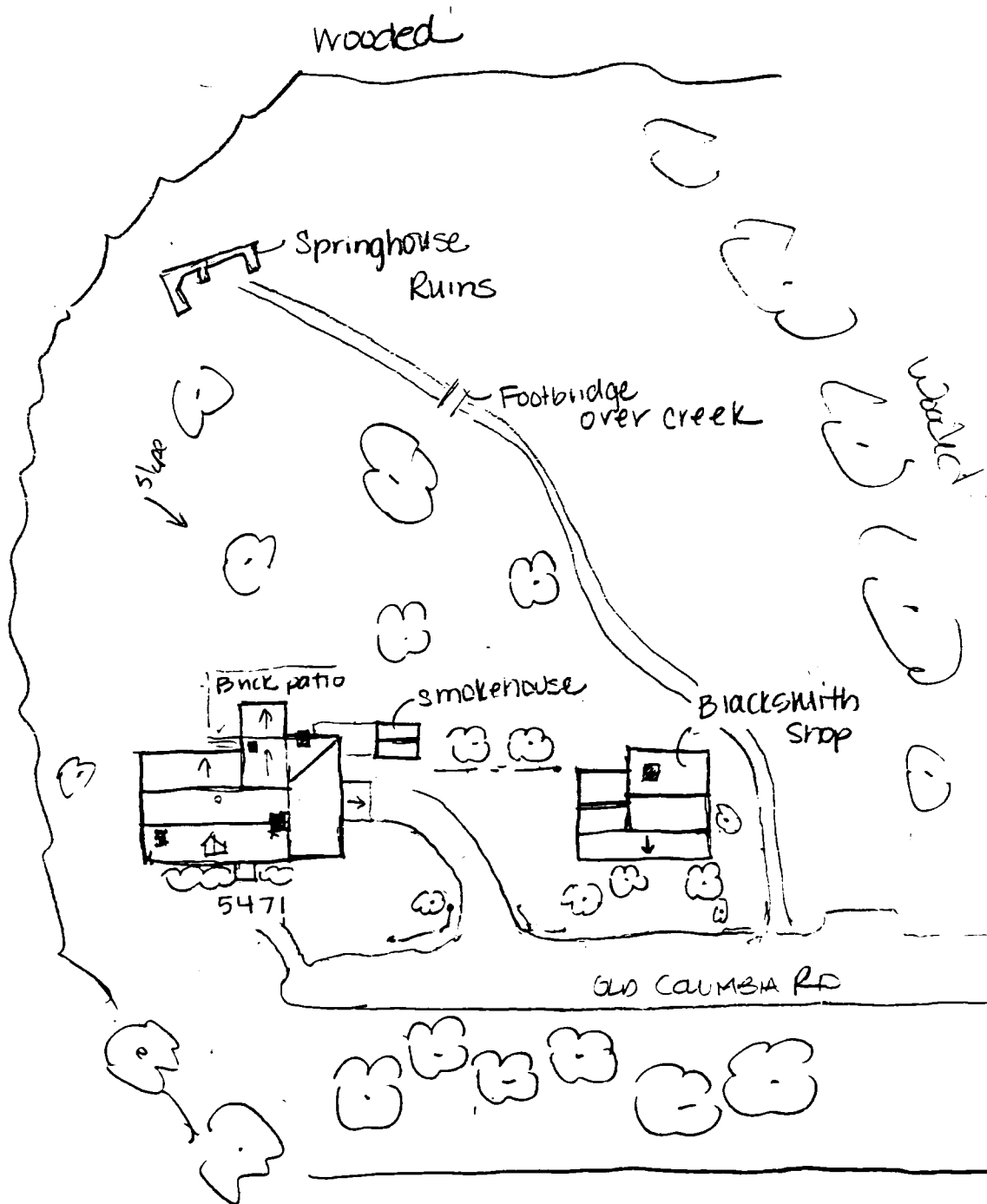
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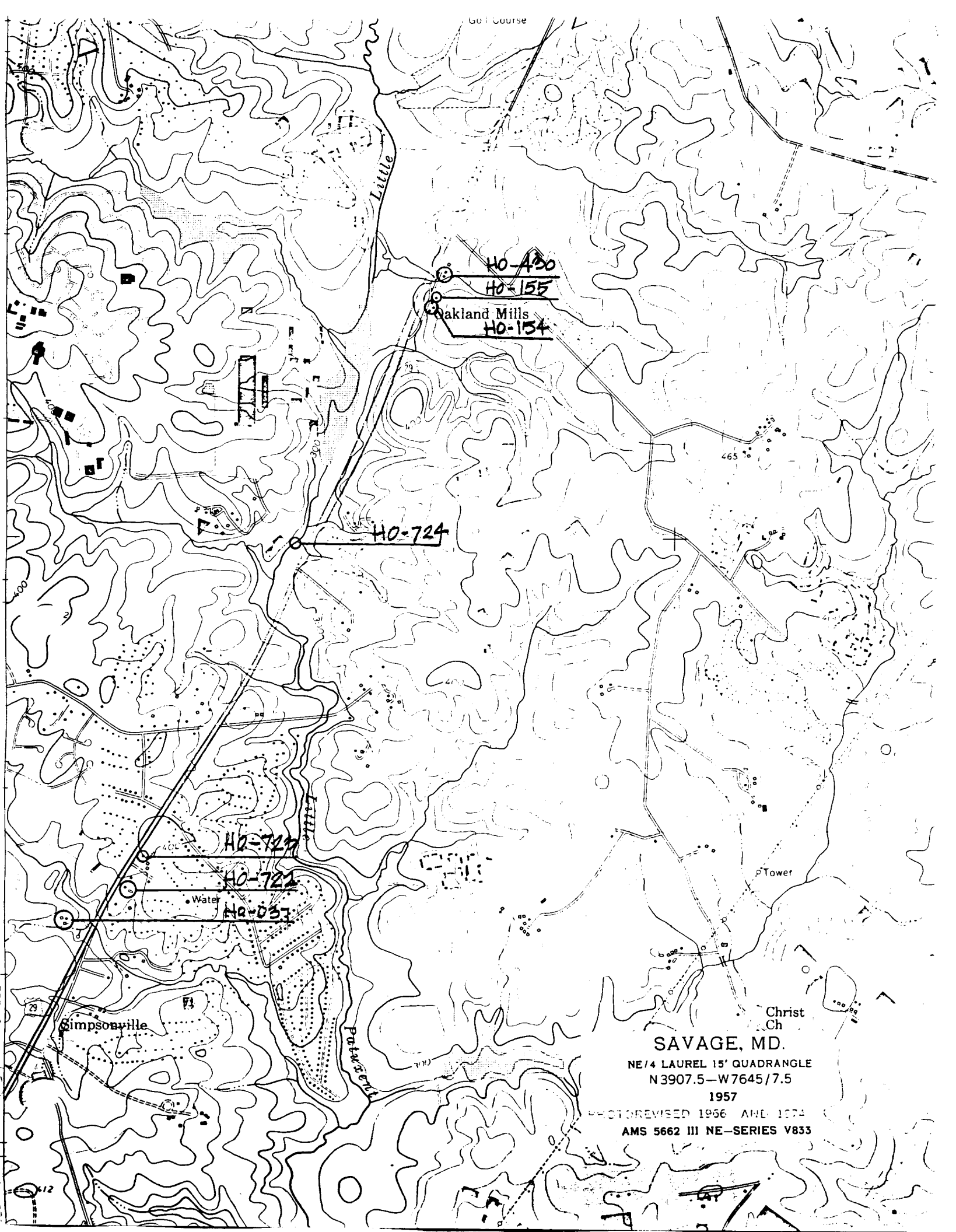
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House - NW Elevation

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House - General View looking West

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Smokehouse - East Corner
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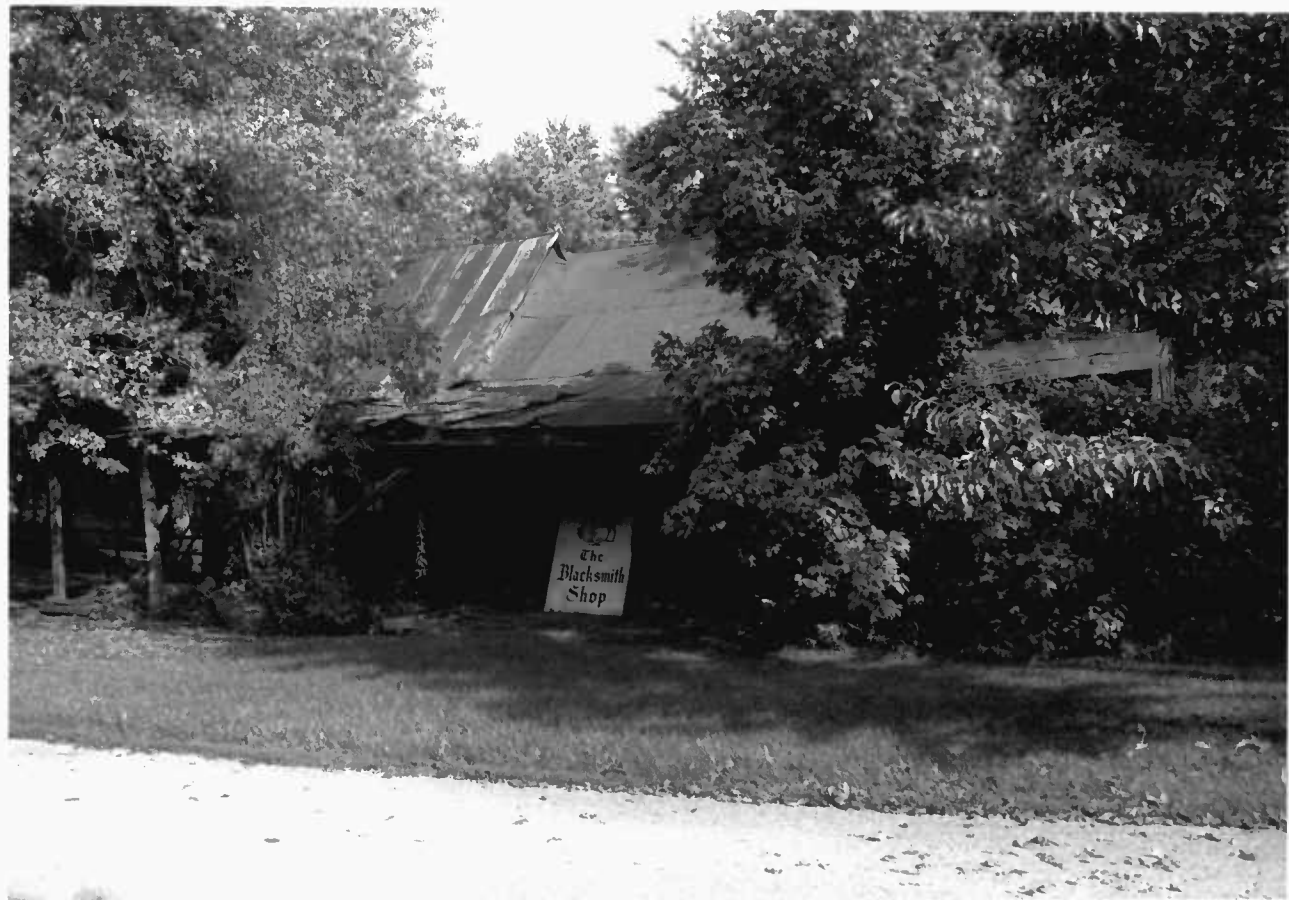
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Springhouse - Ruins looking South

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Blacksmith's Shop - NW Elevation

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Blacksmith's Shop - Detail of NW Elevation
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Blacksmith's Shop - Interior looking South

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Blacksmith's Shop - Interior looking East

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Felicity
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Private

Circa: 1800

Felicity, home of Robert and Mary Collins is a charming two and a half story, five bay wide, two bay deep frame house whose stone foundation holds the original stone dwelling antedating the present 1900 frame structure. From a one bay wide, one bay deep two story shed roof addition on the south side of the east wall springs a shed roof screened-in porch which runs along the entire east wall of the house. The land slopes in such a way that the front door on the west wall enters at the second floor, while the kitchen door on the west wall of the addition enters at ground floor level as does the south entrance in the second east bay of the south wall.

The building features a secret staircase, old random width floors, original woodwork, white plastered walls and the huge dining room fireplace of the original stone dwelling. A pleasing central gabled roof dormer window is placed on the west side of the gable roof.

Once a part of Oakland Mills, Felicity has been known to have been a parsonage, store, post office and home of the local blacksmith.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Felicity				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 5471 Route #29 (now 5471 Old Columbia Road)				
CITY OR TOWN: Columbia				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Mussum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Collins				
STREET AND NUMBER: 5471 Old Columbia Pike				
CITY OR TOWN: Columbia		STATE: Maryland		21044
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): See Attachment #1				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS Tax Map 30, p. 199 414/339 2 Acres				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1977 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Felicity is composed of a stone house around which has been built over the years the present structure whose west elevation faces old Columbia Pike and is a four bay wide, two bay deep and one and a half stories high frame building sitting on a stone foundation with gabled roof running north-south holding a central gabled roof dormer window with six-over-six lites. Brick chimneys are centered into its south wall and the west side of the north wall. A cross and open bible paneled door surmounted by an eagle is placed in the second south bay of the west wall and approached by five wooden steps and landing flanked by a wooden railing.

All fenestration for the house is rectangular double-hung, with six-over-six lites and decorated with shutters. Six lite casement windows rest on either side of the south chimney in the apex of the roof of the south wall, while the north wall holds a first and second floor rectangular double-hung window with six-over-six lites.

The whole building slopes to the south so that at the north end you have a one and a half story frame building on a stone foundation while on the south end the stone foundation is in reality the 1st floor of the dwelling and its original stone house. The latter is now the dining room with its huge stone chimney originally used for cooking. Its west wall holds a rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lites.

The remaining stone foundation is used as a work and utility room and has a four lite casement west window north of the second floor entrance door.

A one bay wide, three bay deep, two story shed roofed addition lies along the south wall of the original stone house and holds a brick and stone exposed chimney on its east wall. A single first and second floor window (similar to those described) rests in the west wall and in the north bay of the south wall. This south wall is of interest as the two east bays may have been added at a later time to connect what is believed to have been an outdoor kitchen (or forge). A shed roofed portico supported by two square posts covers the rectangular south entrance door in the middle of the south wall. A first and second floor window rest in the east bay of this wall.

An early two story shed roofed addition one bay wide and one bay deep springs from the south side of the east wall of the original structure. This now holds a modern kitchen on the first while the second floor of the south addition holds a bedroom.

A one story shed roofed screened-in porch lies along the east side of the second floor (ground floor on the east) springing from the north wall of the east (kitchen) addition. A shed roofed porch covers the rectangular kitchen entrance.

A gabled roof (running north-south) single story smoke house lies south of the house and is connected to it by brick walks and patio.

Stone ruins of a spring house over the stream lying east of the house can also be seen.

A one and a half story gabled roof (running north-south) five bay wide, two bay deep wheelwright and blacksmith shop lie south of the property.

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Description
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The north wall holds two garage doors with 6-6 panes in the upper portion of the door and a second floor rectangular window with six-over-six lites.

The west wall holds two similar windows in its two north bays with wide planked wooden casement windows held by iron hinges on each side of the wide carriage door on the three south bays of this wall. A single first and second floor rectangular window with six-over-six lites rests in the south wall.

The frame building is laid on a stone foundation and has a single story shed roofed open porch lying along its west wall.

The east wall of the wheelwright shop holds two six-over-six rectangular windows.

A large middle bay double-hung window with eight-over eight lies in the east wall of the blacksmith shop flanked by large rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lites. A door rests in the east corner of the north wall. A square brick chimney rises from this northeast corner, once used by the blacksmith for his forge.

The main forge in the blacksmith shop is still operable and some of the tools remain which would enable a blacksmith to work here today. A helpers forge is in the corner. The blacksmith shop was a focal point for the small community here. Notices of varying kinds were placed here.

Part of a page in American and Howard County history which is nearing extinction, the remains of this village which supported the Oakland Grist Mill should be placed on the National Register, Critical Areas List and any local landmark legislation.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Felicity

Built about 1800 on land originally owned by Charles Sterrett Ridgely, Felicity later became part of "Oakland Mills" which was built by Robert Oliver.

A deed recorded in Anne Arundel County on April 17, 1844, to William Whipps from Thomas and Mary C. Oliver (JLM5/100) states.... "Conveying part of that tract of land called Felicity conveyed to Robert Oliver (father of Thomas) by Charles Sterrett Ridgely et al July 5, 1825, and recorded in A.A. county"Also said part so sold comprised the lots distinguished on the plat of Oakland Farm by the numbers 4,5,6,7"..... "beginning on a part of the east side of the Columbia Turnpike Road" 3-23" west from two story stone house on east side of said road on lot 4. (See also significance statement for Gales-Gaither House, HO-155).

The Hopkins Atlas of 1878, shows it as the home of William Whipps whose blacksmith shop still stands south of the house next to the Wheelwright shop of William Herman, also standing on the property. (See site plan).

Its attachment to Oakland Mills at one time as well as the home and shop of the blacksmith, Mr. Whipps, gives Felicity significance industrially as well as architecturally. Both shops still stand on the property. Legend also has it that the body guard of General LaFayette was quartered here.

In April 19, 1963, the Planning Department of Howard County in a letter to Mr. Collins stated that "the restoration that has been done to 'Felicity' is of such importance to the historic background of Howard County".... that the interchange location of Route 29 and Route 175 should be aligned so as to bypass this site."

In January 15, 1971, the State Roads Commission transmitted a copy of the property plat and denoted the tentative proposed preliminary Maryland State Roads Commission highway improvement plans which affected Felicity.

Any future widening of Route 29 at this spot should carefully preserve the integrity of the site. Already the school house lying north of Felicity has been "taken" by the interchange of routes 29 and 175. It is imperative that this property remain as it is since it is part of the only remnant of Oakland Mills village which has since disappeared; the stones of Oakland Mills being used to help construct route 29 which covers the site of Oakland Mills and the old frame houses long since gone from the scene. What remains is

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Significance Statment
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Felicity, the Wheelwright shop and blacksmith shop with two stone houses used for those working at the mill lying south on Old Columbia Pike.

For these reasons Felicity and her surrounding buildings should be placed on the National Register as well as included in the State Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark legislation.

Note: It is almost certain that Felicity's stone house was built by 1798. It is apparently similar in construction to its neighbors south of it on the old Columbia Pike, the Gales-Gaither House and the Kelly Stone House, which was supposedly where the cooper made the rings which went around the barrels for the Oakland Grist Mill. A tax list of 1798 at the Maryland Historical Society indicates the existence of these stone houses.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

- See Tax Map 30, p. 199

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section		DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

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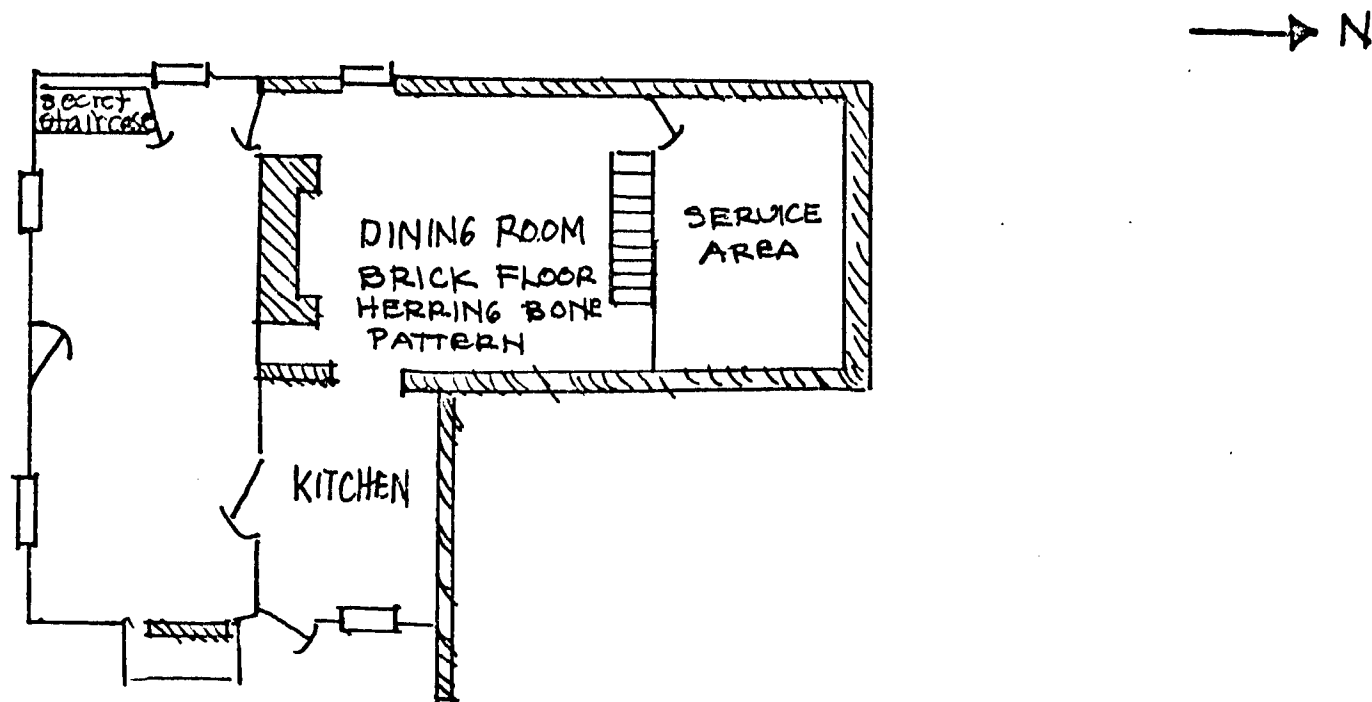
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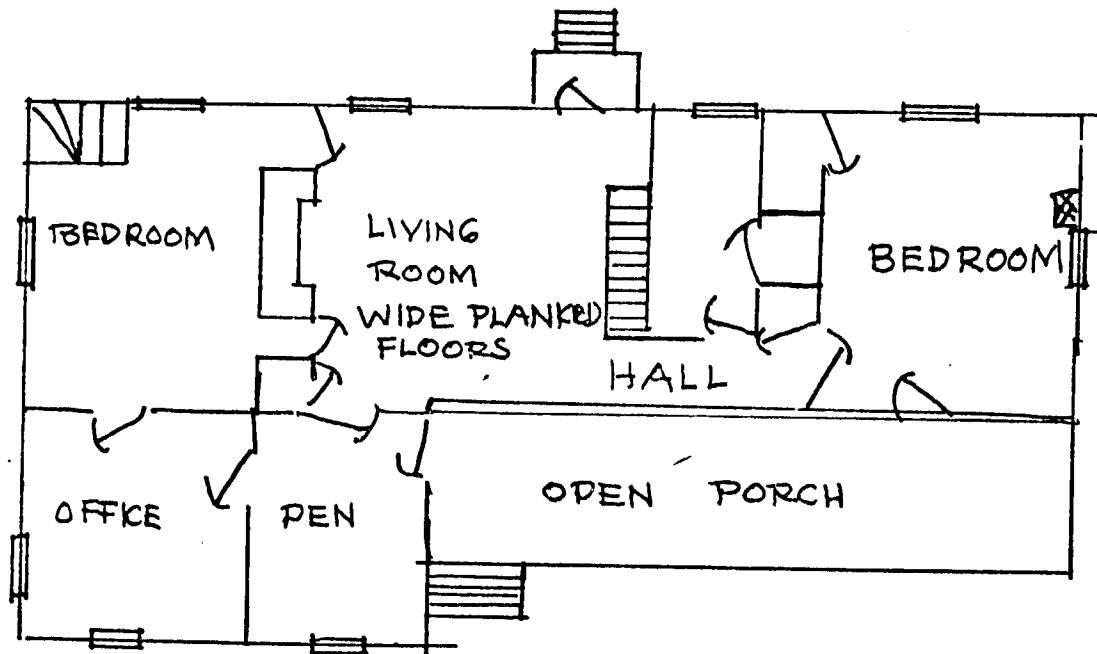
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Ho-430 FELICITY - PLAN 1ST FLOOR



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HO-430 FELICITY PLAN - 2ND FLOOR

← U.S. ROUTE # 29 SOUTH-BOUND

SITE
OF

U.S. ROUTE # 29 NORTH-BOUND →

OAKLAND
GRIST MILL

CIRCA 1820

OLD COLUMBIA BRIDGE

HOUSES USED FOR
COOPER & GRIST MILL WORKERS

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KELLY'S
STONE
HOUSE

↓
GALE'S
STONE
HOUSE

CIRCA 1800

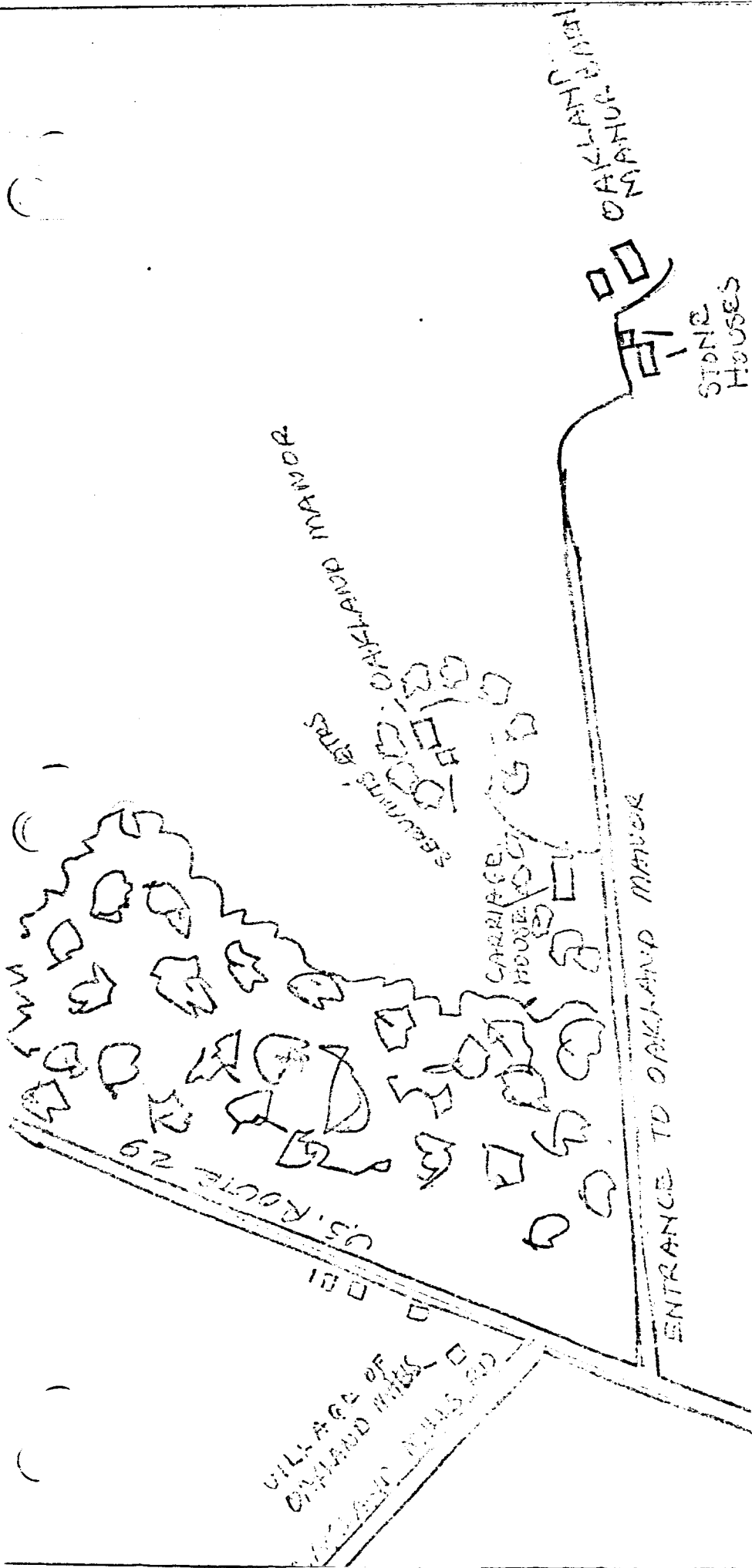
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BLACKSMITH	WHEEL
SHOP 1878	WRIGHT 1878

FELICITY - HOME OF
BLACKSMITH - 1878

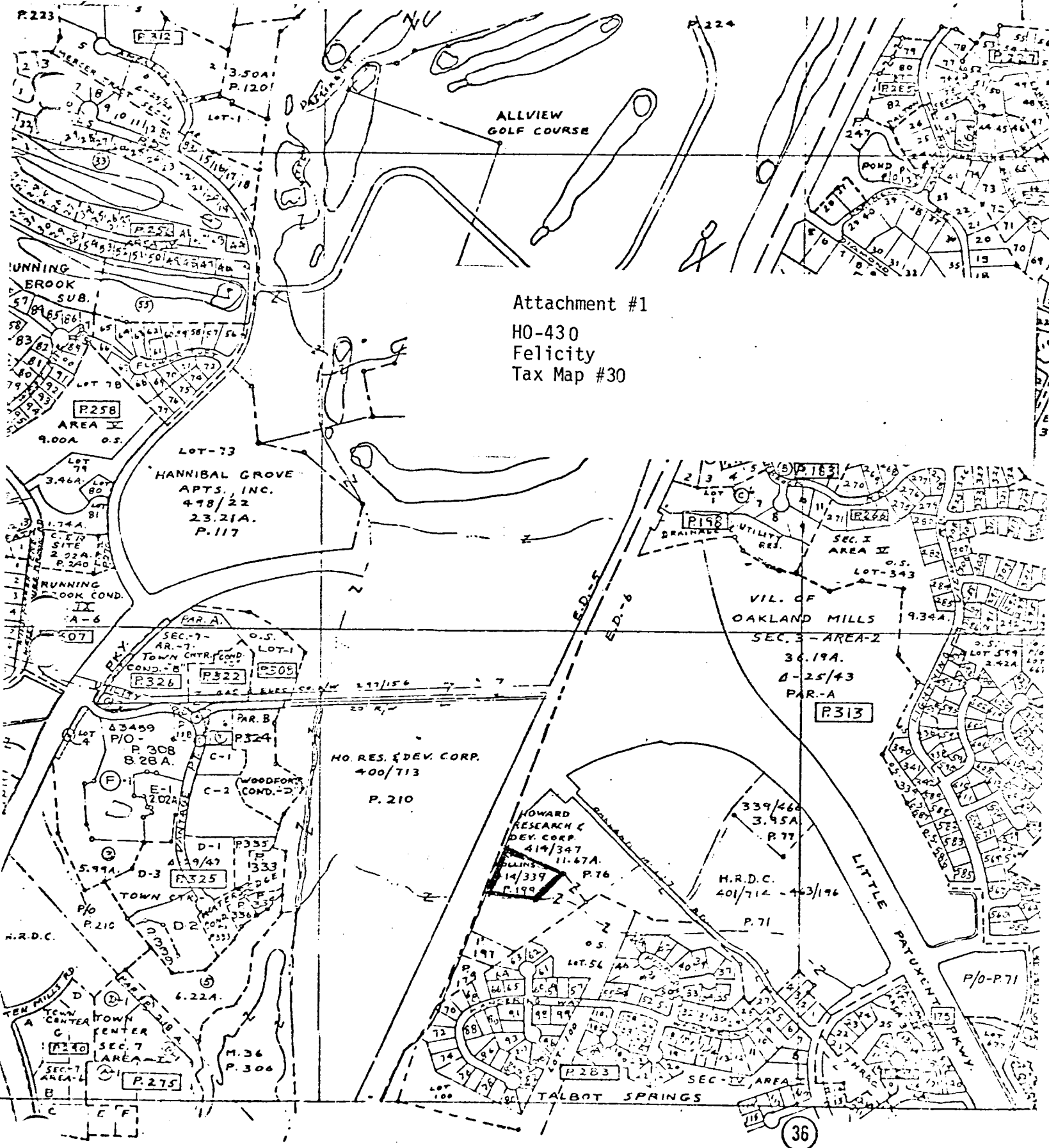
OAKLAND MILLS VILLAGE - SITE PLAN

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OAKLAND MANOR HISTORIC DISTRICT
1963 USDA Aerial Photograph
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Felicity

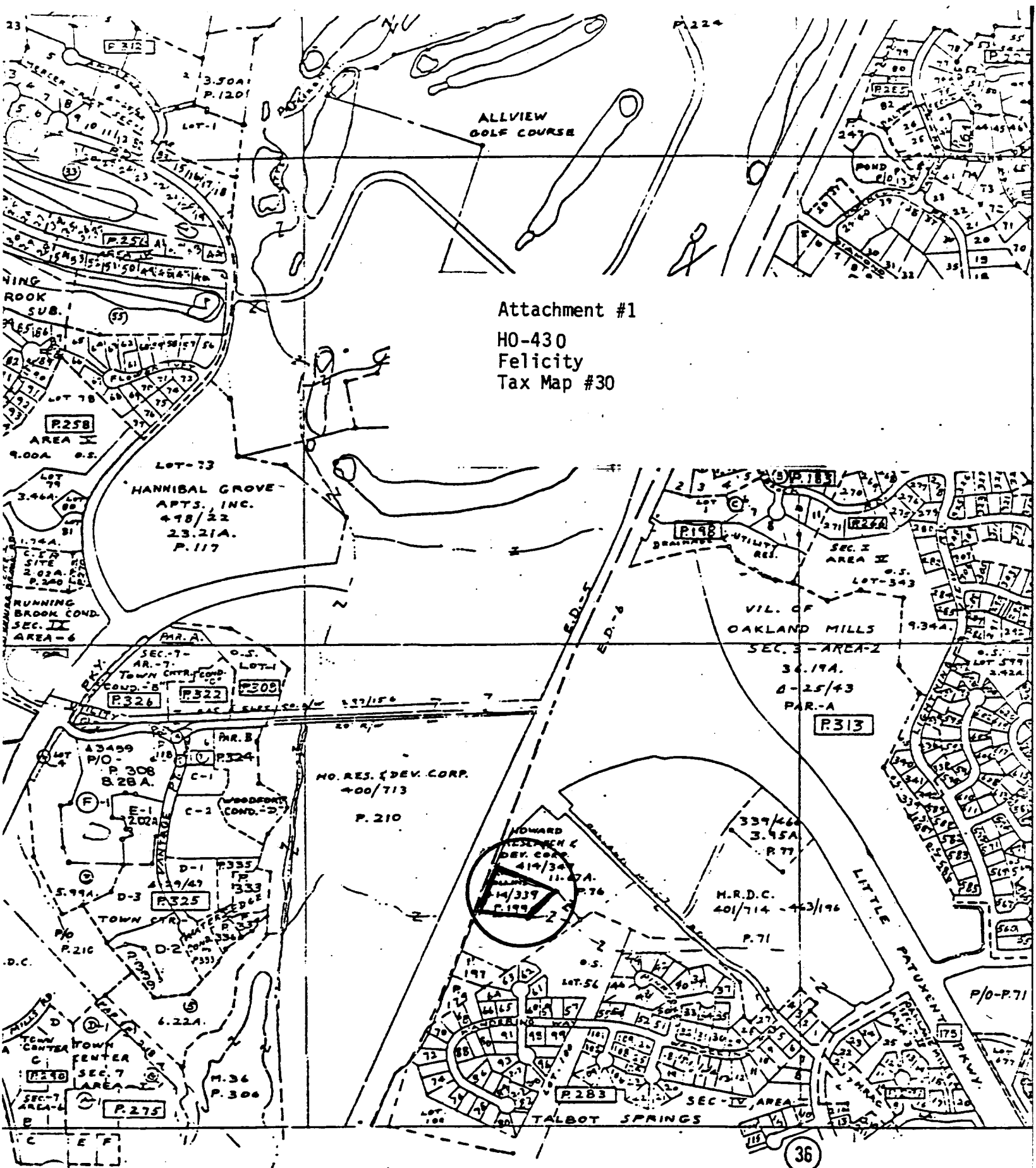
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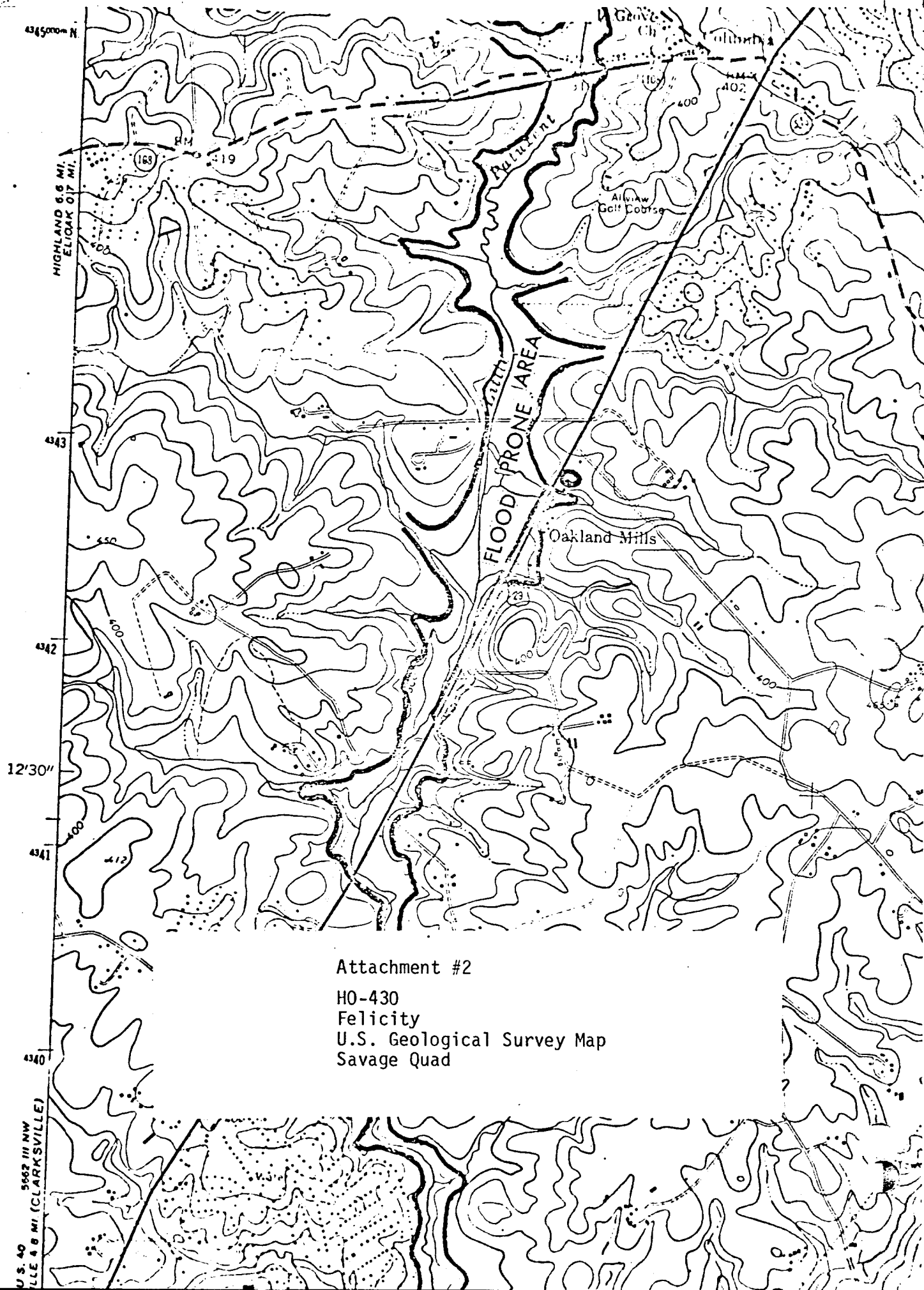
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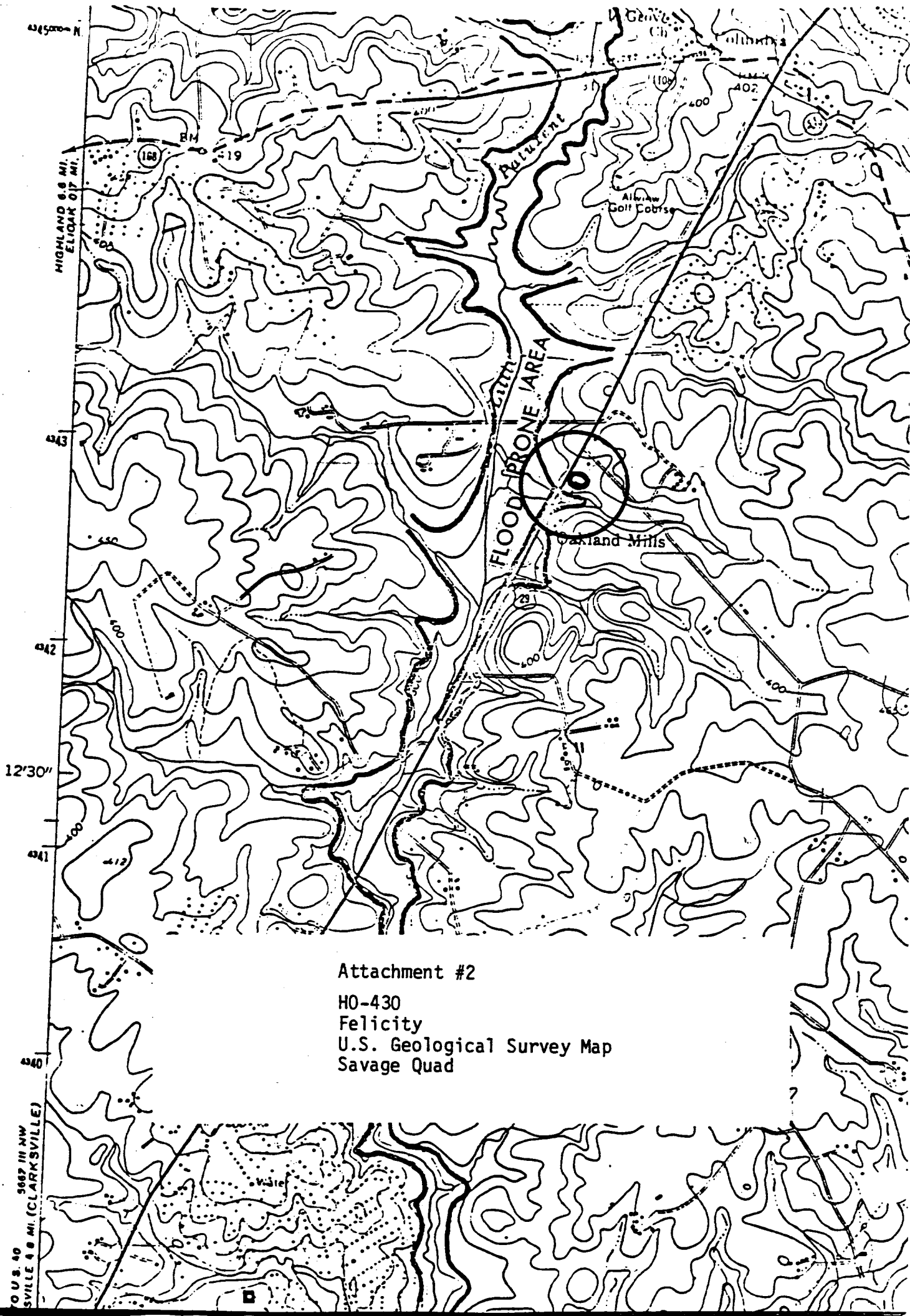
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U.S. Geological Survey Map

Savage Quad



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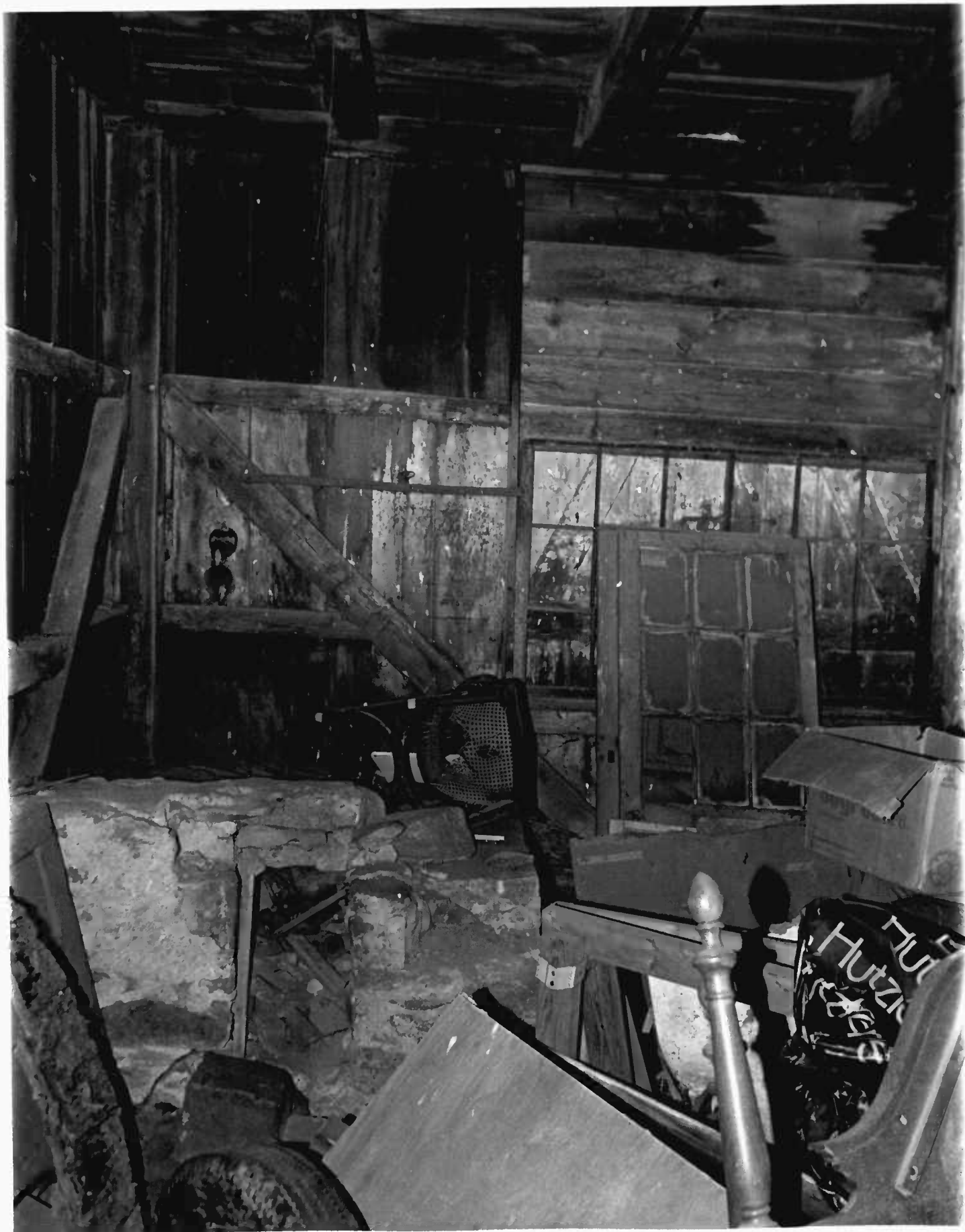
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Savage Quad



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Oakland Mills, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V, Jan. 11, 1983
Stone Springhouse ruin, from
Southeast



HO-430 Felicity
 Oakland Mills, Maryland
 Orlando Ridout V, Jan. 11, 1983
 Base of forge in Southwest corner.
 Note the 18-light sash window with
 shutters to right.



HO-430 Felicity
Oakland Mills, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V, Jan. 11, 1983
Detail of double doors and
shuttered windows in West facade,
Period II.



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Felicity

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Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.

Date of photograph: May, 1981

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View: North East Section of Smoke House

Photographer looking: Southwest

Photograph number: 11 of 11



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View: North Wall of Blacksmith-Wheelwright Shop

Photographer looking: South

Photograph number: 9 of 11



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 Oakland Mills, Maryland
 Orlando Ridout V, Jan. 11, 1983
 Interior view facing East with one
 of two forges visible. Bellows to
 right is not original to this
 building.



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Oakland Mills, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V, Jan. 11, 1983
Detail of shuttered 18/18 sash
window in West facade, Period II.



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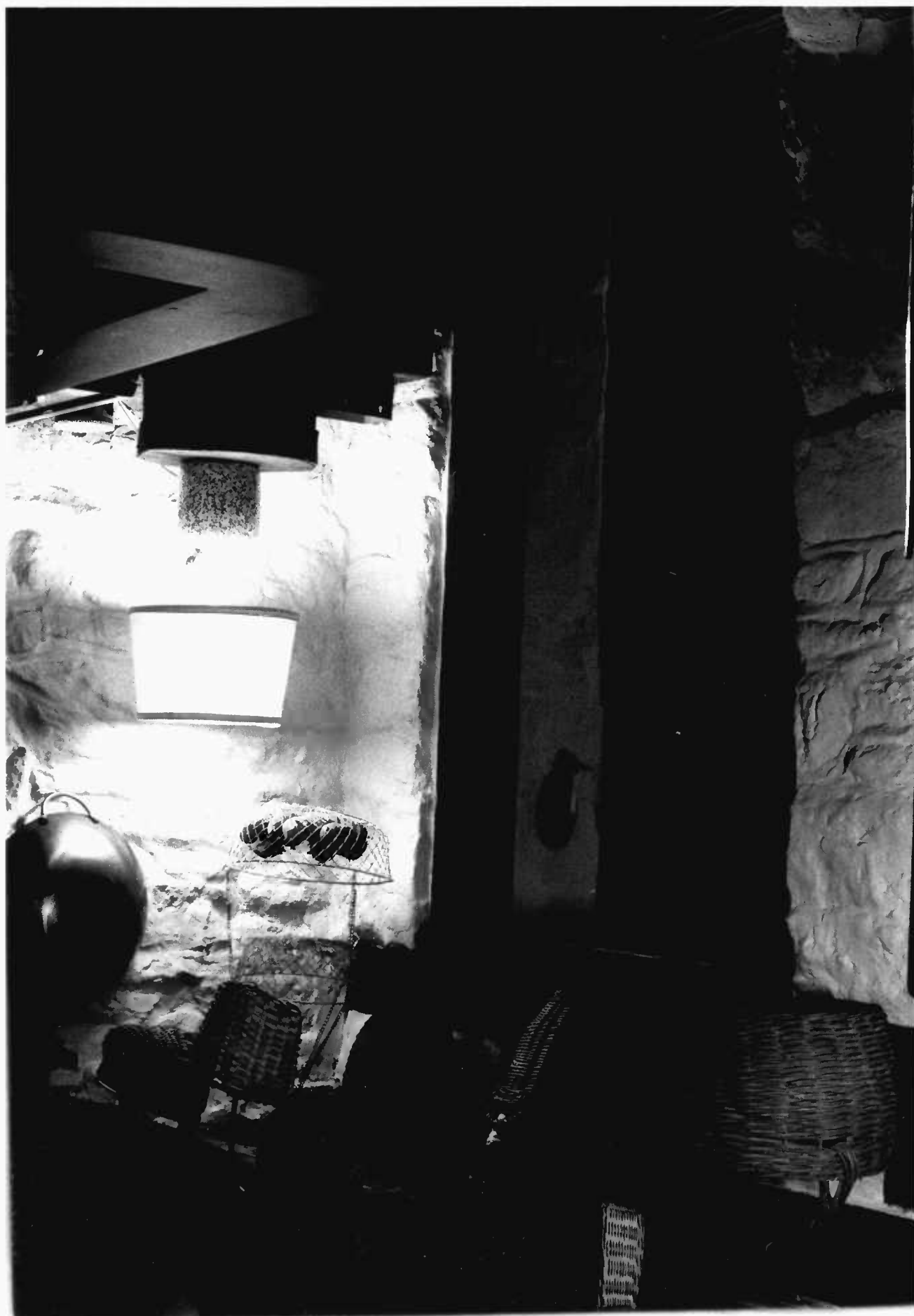
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OAKLAND MILLS VILLAGE BLACKSMITH & WHEELWRIGHT SHOP
(SOUTH WEST)
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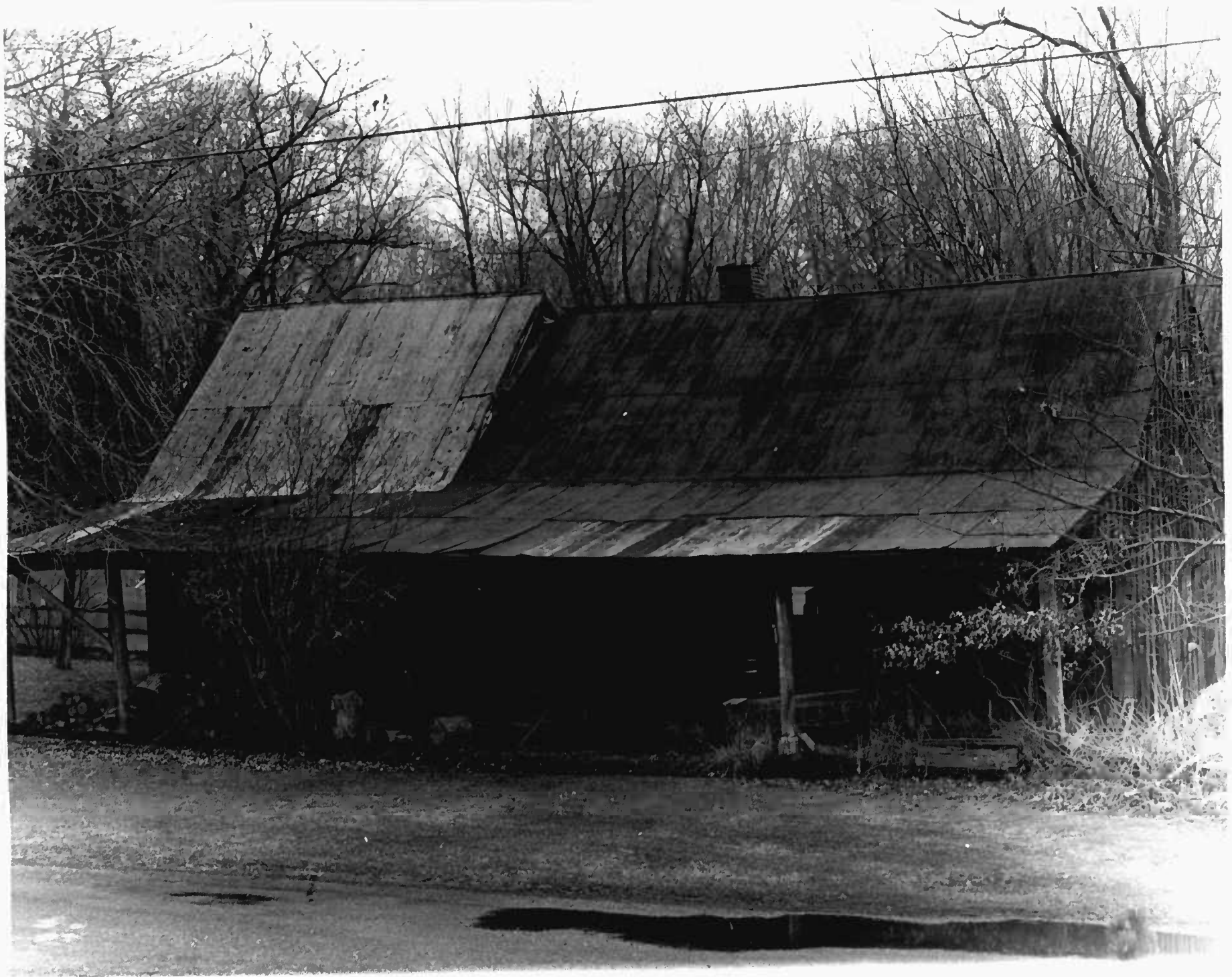
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View: Exterior entrance of Original Stone Structure

Photographer looking: From Kitchen to East Entrance of Dining Room

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Oakland Mills, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V, Jan. 11, 1983
Blacksmith Shop, from West



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Date of photograph: May, 1981

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View: Fireplace of Original Structure

Photographer looking: South Wall of Original Structure

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Date of Photograph: May, 1981

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View: Mantlepiece of Parlor of 1820 Dwelling

Photographer looking: South Wall of Original Blacksmith's House

Photograph number: 8 of 11



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Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.

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View: Fireplace of Two Story, Frame South Wing

Photographer looking: East Wall of Living Room

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View: North

Photographer looking: South

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View: South
Photographer looking: North
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View: East

Photographer looking: West

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View: Northwest

Photographer looking: Southeast

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